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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
January 2001 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia Jan. 2001 Index	Nova Scotia % Change from. Dec. 2000	Nova Scotia % Change from Jan.'00	Canada Jan. 2001 Index	Canada % Change from Dec. 2000	Canada % Change from Jan.'00
All Items	115.3	-0.6	2.9	114.7	-0.3	3.0
Food	114.7	0.9	2.1	114.7	0.2	3.5
Shelter	117.1	-1.4	5.7	111.0	-0.6	4.0
Household Operations & Furnishings	108.2	0.1	0.7	110.5	0.0	1.7
Clothing & Footwear	112.9	0.5	0.7	104.8	-0.4	0.5
Transportation	128.7	-1.7	3.0	131.2	-0.9	3.1
Health & Personal Care	111.6	0.3	2.7	113.1	0.3	1.9
Recreation, Education & Reading	119.7	-0.7	2.5	121.4	-0.5	2.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	94.9	0.1	2.3	99.2	0.2	3.1
Energy	*133.0*	*-4.4*	*10.2*	*130.9*	*-2.7*	*10.4*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's January 2001 all-items CPI index of 114.3 (1992=100) was down 0.4% from last month and increased by 2.8% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index declined 0.6% in January; it increased 2.9% over January 2000.

! Since last month price declines of particular note included:
-fuel oil and other fuel (-10.1%)
-travel services (-5.8%)
-fresh vegetables (-3.6%)
-gasoline (-2.9%)
-purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (-2.4%)
-men's clothing (-1.7%)
-recreational equipment & services excluding vehicles (-1.5%)

! Notable offsetting increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-non-alcoholic beverages (15.4%)
-women's clothing (3.1%)
-preserved fruit & fruit preparations (2.5%); fresh fruit (2.5%)
-homeowners' maintenance & repairs (1.7%)
-other recreational services (1.3%)
-food purchased from restaurants (0.8%)

Canada

! From December 2000 to January 2001, all-items CPI decreased 0.3% in Canada; Canadians paid 3.0% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month lower prices contributing to the month-over-month decrease included:
-purchase of automotive vehicles (-2.4%) - new manufacturers' rebates on certain models
-natural gas (-6.5%) - a 67.2% drop in the index for Alberta as the Alberta government introduced an assistance program for heating payments starting in January for a four-month period where all households payment natural gas bills will receive a monthly credit of $150
-travel tours (-10.8%)
-gasoline (-1.6%) - largely attributed to greater production in recent months by OPEC and an increase in stocks of gasoline.

! Higher prices that moderated the decline included:
-non-alcoholic beverages (10.1%) - increases noted in all provinces and Whitehorse (return to normal prices after holiday season)
-food purchased from restaurants (0.4%) - largest contribution to overall index movement was due to price increases for food purchased from fast food and take-out restaurants
-beef (2.3%) several factors including delays in deliveries due to weather and strong demand in both Canada and the US.

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March 21, 2001

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
February 2001 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Feb. 2001 Index	% Change from. Jan. 2001	% Change from Feb.'00	Feb. 2001 Index	% Change from Jan. 2001	% Change from Feb.'00
All Items	115.5	0.2	2.3	115.2	0.4	2.9
Food	115.5	0.7	2.9	115.6	0.8	4.5
Shelter	116.7	-0.3	2.2	110.8	-0.2	3.2
Household Operations & Furnishings	108.0	-0.2	0.7	111.0	0.5	1.6
Clothing & Footwear	113.1	0.2	1.7	106.5	1.6	1.1
Transportation	128.7	0.0	2.2	131.5	0.2	2.3
Health & Personal Care	111.8	0.2	2.7	113.6	0.4	2.3
Recreation, Education & Reading	120.5	0.7	2.8	122.9	1.2	2.5
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	95.0	0.1	2.3	99.4	0.2	3.1
Energy	131.3	-1.3	1.9	129.9	-0.8	6.4

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's February 2001 all-items CPI index of 114.5 (1992=100) was up 0.2 % from last month and increased by 2.3% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.2% in February; it increased 2.3% over February 2000.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
Fresh or frozen beef (+8.6%)
Travel Services (+5.4%)
Fresh vegetables (+4.4%)
Inter-city transportation (+4.1%)
Fresh milk (+2.3%)
Bakery Products (+1.3%)
Women's clothing (+0.8%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
Fresh fruit (-4.0%)
Fresh or frozen pork (-4.0%)
Fuel oil and other fuel (-3.4%)
Footware (-3.3%)
Furniture (-2.7%)
Beer purchased from stores (-2.3%)
Gasoline (-0.7%)

Canada

! From January to February 2001, all-items CPI increased 0.4% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.9% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
Travel tour packages (+11.8%)
Natural gas (+7.6%)
Clothing (+2.0%)

! Lowerr prices that moderated the rise included:
Electricity (-7.4%)
Fuel oil (-4.0%)
Automotive insurance premiums (-0.8%)

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April 20, 2001

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
March 2001 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Mar. 2001 Index	% Change from. Feb. 2001	% Change from Mar.'00	Mar. 2001 Index	% Change from Feb. 2001	% Change from Mar.'00
All Items	115.6	0.1	1.9	115.6	0.3	2.5
Food	116.2	0.6	3.8	116.6	0.9	5.0
Shelter	116.3	-0.3	2.5	111.9	1.0	4.1
Household Operations & Furnishings	108.4	0.4	0.2	111.3	0.3	1.5
Clothing & Footwear	115.0	1.7	1.2	107.9	1.3	1.3
Transportation	128.2	-0.4	-0.5	130.1	-1.1	-0.8
Health & Personal Care	111.5	-0.3	2.7	113.5	-0.1	2.3
Recreation, Education & Reading	120.9	0.3	2.3	123.5	0.5	2.2
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	95.0	0.0	2.4	99.4	0.0	2.8
Energy	130.2	-0.8	-1.0	131.6	1.3	3.6

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's March 2001 all-items CPI index of 114.7 (1992=100) was up 0.2% from last month and increased by 2.0% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.1% in March; it increased 1.9% over March 2000.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-food including fresh fruit (4.0%), processed meat (3.6%), fresh vegetables (3.2%), fresh/frozen beef (3.0%)
-travel services (2.9%)
-clothing including women's (2.0%) and men's (1.6%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-inter-city transportation (-9.1%)
-fuel oil and other fuel (-3.2%)
-fish (-1.9%)
-non-alcoholic beverages (-1.7%)
-bakery products (-1.4%)
-reading material and other printed matter excluding textbooks (-1.1%)
-other household goods and services (-0.5%)

Canada

! From February to March 2001, all-items CPI increased 0.3% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.5% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-natural gas costs were main contributor to increase (10.7%)--Upward push of index came from a 20.2% price rise in Ontario. Natural gas prices were unchanged in all other provinces except Quebec where they fell 6.6%.
-electricity index (4.4%)--resumption of payments for BC Hydro consumers; unused part of the $200 rebate offered in February only offset part of March bills
-clothing (1.8%)--introduction of new spring and summer lines
-meat (2.1%)--largest increase since June 1990
-travel tours (7.2%)--seasonal trend toward higher rates for Florida destinations which are in great demand in March

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-gasoline (-2.3%)--decreases recorded in all provinces except Newfoundland and Yellowknife which showed no change and Nova Scotia posted a small rise of 0.2%
-air transportation (-10.7%)-- partly due to greater availability of seat sales on select domestic and transborder routes

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May 17, 2001

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
April 2001 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Apr. 2001 Index	% Change from Mar. 2001	% Change from Apr.'00	Apr. 2001 Index	% Change from Mar. 2001	% Change from Apr.'00
All Items	116.5	0.8	3.0	116.4	0.7	3.6
Food	115.9	-0.3	3.6	117.0	0.3	5.1
Shelter	116.1	-0.2	3.4	112.5	0.5	4.7
Household Operations & Furnishings	108.5	0.1	-0.6	112.0	0.6	2.3
Clothing & Footwear	118.6	3.1	4.7	106.5	-1.3	1.3
Transportation	130.2	1.6	2.9	132.1	1.5	2.2
Health & Personal Care	111.6	0.1	2.5	114.0	0.4	2.2
Recreation, Education & Reading	121.4	0.4	1.7	123.9	0.3	2.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	102.3	7.7	9.4	103.3	3.9	6.7
Energy	*131.5*	*1.0*	*6.0*	*136.4*	*3.6*	*11.6*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's April 2001 all-items CPI index of 115.6 (1992=100) was up 0.8 % from last month and increased by 2.9% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.8% in April; it increased 3.0% over April 2000.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-cigarettes (10.5%)
-beer purchased from stores (9.7%)
-footwear (5.1%) and women's clothing (4.0%)
-gasoline (3.9%)
-travel services (3.6%)
-purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (0.7%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-non-alcoholic beverages (-10.0%) and processed meat (-3.3%)
-fuel oil and other fuel (-2.5%)
-preserved vegetables and vegetable preparations (-1.9%)
-home entertainment equipment & services (-1.4%)
-household chemical products (-0.6%)
-personal care supplies & equipment (-0.3%)

Canada

! From March to April 2001, all-items CPI increased 0.7% in Canada; Canadians paid 3.6% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago. April's 12-month increase is the largest observed since December 1991.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-gasoline prices (5.5%)–a 9.3% price hike in Ontario led this month's increase
-electricity (5.8%)–primarily reflects return to regular billing for BC Hydro customers which was moderated by a 25.7% drop in the index for Newfoundland, the result of a one-time credit given on April hydro bills
-cigarettes (7.7%)–combined federal-provincial tax of $4 per carton introduced on April 6 affecting PEI, NB, NS, QC and ON
-fresh fruit (7.7%)–seasonal decreases in availability of oranges and delay in some imported crops

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-women's clothing (-2.7%)–sale pricing widespread in most categories
-automotive vehicle insurance premiums (-1.3%)–reflects a 2.6% decrease in Ontario rates
-fresh vegetables (-3.3%)–increased supplies following improved weather in southwestern US

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June 15, 2001

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
May 2001 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	May 2001 Index	% Change from. Apr. 2001	% Change from May'00	May 2001 Index	% Change from Apr. 2001	% Change from May'00
All Items	117.0	0.4	3.1	117.4	0.9	3.9
Food	115.8	-0.1	2.6	117.9	0.8	5.2
Shelter	116.6	0.4	3.6	113.8	1.2	5.6
Household Operations & Furnishings	108.7	0.2	-0.1	112.2	0.2	2.4
Clothing & Footwear	115.5	-2.6	1.7	104.9	-1.5	0.2
Transportation	132.2	1.5	4.3	134.0	1.4	3.2
Health & Personal Care	112.0	0.4	2.3	114.4	0.4	2.1
Recreation, Education & Reading	122.6	1.0	2.1	125.3	1.1	2.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	103.7	1.4	10.6	105.2	1.8	8.0
Energy	*134.9*	*2.6*	*8.7*	*143.5*	*5.2*	*16.0*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's May 2001 all-items CPI index of 116.1 (1992=100) was up 0.4% from last month and increased by 3.0% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.4% in May; it increased 3.1% over May 2000.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-gasoline (5.2%)
-travel services (4.2%)
-homeowners' maintenance and repairs (3.3%)
-purchase and operation of recreational vehicles (2.8%)
-cigarettes (2.6%)
-processed meat (2.2%)
-fuel oil and other fuel (1.1%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-women's clothing (-5.3%)
-sugar and confectionary (-5.3%)
-clothing accessories and jewellery (-2.9%)
-non-alcoholic beverages (-2.7%)
-bakery products (-1.7%)
-men's clothing (-1.6%)
-fresh or frozen beef (-1.6%)

Canada

! From April to May 2001, all-items CPI increased 0.9% in Canada; Canadians paid 3.9% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago. The May 2001 month over month increase over April 2001 is the highest since January 1991 while the May 2001 increase over May 2000 is the highest since November 1991.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-Natural gas prices increased 14.6% in May 2001 and accounted for almost one-quarter of the monthly increase in the all items index. In Alberta, the provincial government discontinued a provincial government credit resulting in an increase of 121.7%.
-Gasoline prices increased by 5.4%. This follows an increase of 5.5% in April.
-Travellers accommodations prices increased by 7.3% in May as numerous hotels introduced their summer rates.
-Higher prices for fresh fruit (4.5%) were primarily the result of prices increases for oranges.
-Cigarette prices increased by 3.3% due to increased federal-provincial taxes. Although these taxes were introduced in April their impact on the index continued into May.
-Homeowner's maintenance and repairs increased 2.1% due to the strength of material prices.

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-Women's clothing prices declined 4.0% primarily as a result of widespread seasonal sales.
-Prices for men's clothing fell by 0.9%

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July20, 2001

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
June 2001 Release

	Nova Scotia			Canada		
CPI by Component	**June 2001 Index**	**% Change from. May 2001**	**% Change from June'00**	**June 2001 Index**	**% Change from May 2001**	**% Change from June'00**
All Items	117.0	0.0	2.5	117.5	0.1	3.3
Food	116.4	0.5	2.5	118.1	0.2	4.6
Shelter	116.6	0.0	3.5	114.2	0.4	5.6
Household Operations & Furnishings	109.7	0.9	1.2	112.4	0.2	2.3
Clothing & Footwear	113.5	-1.7	-0.1	104.5	-0.4	-0.1
Transportation	130.5	-1.3	0.7	133.0	-0.7	0.9
Health & Personal Care	111.8	-0.2	2.4	114.9	0.4	2.7
Recreation, Education & Reading	124.8	1.8	3.1	125.6	0.2	1.4
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	104.5	0.8	10.8	105.4	0.2	7.7
Energy	*131.7*	*-2.4*	*2.3*	*141.7*	*-1.3*	*10.4*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's June 2001 all-items CPI index of 116.2 (1992=100) was up 0.1% from last month and increased by 2.5% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index in June was unchanged since last month; it increased 2.5% over June 2000.

! Notable increases from the previous month were recorded for:
-travel services (+9.2%)
-furniture (+8.3%)
-inter-city transportation (+4.5%)
-reading material and other printed matter, excluding textbooks (+3.3%)
-fresh fruit (+2.4%)
-food purchased from restaurants (+1.2%)
-cigarettes (+1.2%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-gasoline (-5.3%)
-children's clothing (-4.6%)
-sugar & confectionery (-2.9%)
-women's clothing (-2.7%)
-other cereal grains cereal products (-2.4%)
-men's clothing (-0.8%)
-personal care supplies & equipment (-0.7%)

Canada

! From May to June 2001, all-items CPI increased 0.1% in Canada; Canadians paid 3.3% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month rising prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-electricity (mainly due to a province-wide wholesale price increase in Ontario)
-traveller accommodation (reflects higher summer demand)
-air transportation (increases on all but the southern routes reflecting high season travel and introduction of a fuel surcharge on domestic flights)
-women's clothing (return to regular pricing after May sales)
-restaurant meals (influenced mostly by higher prices in table service restaurants due to higher operating costs)

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-gasoline (showing signs of expanding inventories; largest monthly decline since April 2000)
-men's clothing (widespread price seasonal pricing declines)

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August 21, 2001

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
July 2001 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	July 2001 Index	**% Change from. June 2001**	**% Change from July'2000**	**July 2001 Index**	**% Change from June 2001**	**% Change from July'2000**
All Items	116.7	-0.3	2.3	117.1	-0.3	2.6
Food	116.4	0.0	2.1	118.6	0.4	4.6
Shelter	116.7	0.1	3.5	113.7	-0.4	4.6
Household Operations & Furnishings	109.9	0.2	1.3	112.4	0.0	1.7
Clothing & Footwear	112.9	-0.5	1.8	105.8	1.2	1.1
Transportation	128.3	-1.7	-0.2	130.4	-2.0	-0.6
Health & Personal Care	111.2	-0.5	1.3	114.8	-0.1	2.5
Recreation, Education & Reading	125.2	0.3	3.1	126.2	0.5	1.0
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	104.5	0.0	11.1	105.7	0.3	7.9
Energy	*128.0*	*-2.8*	*-0.2*	*133.1*	*-6.1*	*2.8*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's July 2001 all-items CPI index of 115.9 (1992=100) was down 0.3% from last month and increased by 2.4% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index declined 0.3% in July; it increased 2.3% over July 2000.

! Notable declines for the previous month were recorded for:
-gasoline (-6.3%)
-fresh fruit (-5.9%)
-recreational equipment & services, excl. vehicles (-2.6%)
-purchase & leasing of automotive vehicles (-1.3%)
-personal care supplies & equipment (-1.2%)
-processed meat (-1.2%)
-women's clothing (-0.5%)

! Since last month offsetting price increases of particular note included:
-inter-city transportation (+11.1%)
-non-alcoholic beverages (+6.7%)
-travel services (+5.0%)
-fresh or frozen poultry meat (+2.4%)
-fresh vegetables (+2.2%)
-automotive vehicle parts, maintenance & repairs (+0.7%)

Canada

! From June to July 2001, all-items CPI decreased 0.3% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.6% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month lower prices contributing to the month-over-month decrease included:
-gasoline (-9.6%, local price wars and signs of ample inventories)
-natural gas (-8.4%, the largest monthly decline since April 1997, bulk of this decline stemmed from a 35.5% drop in Alberta, a reaction to lower wholesale prices

! Higher prices that moderated the decline included:
-air transportation (12.3%, high season travel that had its largest impact on domestic and Pacific routes)
-traveller accommodations (7.4%, fourth consecutive monthly increase in accommodation costs)

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September 18, 2001

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
August 2001 Release

	Nova Scotia			Canada		
CPI by Component	**Aug. 2001 Index**	**% Change from. July 2001**	**% Change from Aug.'2000**	**Aug. 2001 Index**	**% Change from July 2001**	**% Change from Aug.'2000**
All Items	116.5	-0.2	2.2	117.1	0.0	2.8
Food	115.5	-0.8	0.9	117.7	-0.8	4.1
Shelter	116.8	0.1	3.4	113.7	0.0	4.3
Household Operations & Furnishings	109.8	-0.1	1.3	112.5	0.1	1.8
Clothing & Footwear	112.6	-0.3	1.0	106.6	0.8	1.1
Transportation	127.9	-0.3	0.7	130.9	0.4	0.7
Health & Personal Care	112.0	0.7	1.8	114.2	-0.5	1.6
Recreation, Education & Reading	125.2	0.0	3.2	126.2	0.0	1.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	105.2	0.7	12.0	106.4	0.7	8.6
Energy	*127.3*	*-0.5*	*1.1*	*133.4*	*0.2*	*4.8*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

- Halifax Metro's August 2001 all-items CPI index of 115.7 (1992=100) declined 0.2% from last month and increased by 2.2% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

- Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index decreased 0.2% in August; it increased 2.2% over August 2000.
- Notable decreases for the previous month were recorded for:
  -food items, e.g., fresh vegetables (-10.5%), fresh fruit (-3.0%), cheese (-1.6%)
  -non-alcoholic beverages (-7.7%)
  -men's clothing (-2.3%)
  -gasoline (-1.3%)
  -travel services (-0.7%)
- Since last month offsetting price increases of particular note included:
  -personal care supplies & equipment (+2.2%)
  -bakery products (+1.7%), processed meat (+1.5%)
  -other recreational services (+0.9%)
  -women's clothing (+0.9%)
  -cigarettes (+0.8%)
  -homeowners' maintenance & repairs (+0.8%)

Canada

- From July to August 2001, there was no change in the Canada all-items CPI; Canadians paid 2.8% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.
- Since last month notable price declines included:
  -fresh vegetables (-12.5%)–local produce came onto the market resulting in declines across the country.
  -natural gas (-2.2%)–decreases were posted in Ontario, Manitoba and Quebec reflecting lower operating costs and a retreat in the cost of natural gas.
- Among the higher prices experienced were:
  -gasoline (+1.4%)–boosted by crude oil cutbacks by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and declining gasoline inventories.
  -cigarettes (+1.5%)–increased costs at manufacturing level was passed along to the consumer.

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October 18, 2001

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
September 2001 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Sept. 2001 Index	% Change from. Aug. 2001	% Change from Sept.'00	Sept. 2001 Index	% Change from Aug. 2001	% Change from Sept.'00
All Items	117.2	0.6	1.9	117.4	0.3	2.6
Food	115.9	0.3	2.4	116.9	-0.7	4.2
Shelter	116.8	0.0	1.3	113.4	-0.3	3.5
Household Operations & Furnishings	110.2	0.4	1.4	113.2	0.6	2.4
Clothing & Footwear	116.9	3.8	2.5	107.9	1.2	0.5
Transportation	129.1	0.9	0.2	133.0	1.6	0.8
Health & Personal Care	112.7	0.6	2.3	114.2	0.0	1.7
Recreation, Education & Reading	125.8	0.5	2.5	126.0	-0.2	0.9
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	105.2	0.0	11.6	106.5	0.1	8.2
Energy	*128.2*	*0.7*	*-4.5*	*137.0*	*2.7*	*3.2*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's September 2001 all-items CPI index of 116.4 (1992=100) was up 0.6% from last month and increased by 2.1% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index increased 0.6% in September; it increased 1.9% over September 2000.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-women's clothing (+4.8%); men's clothing (+4.7%)
-tuition fees (+4.1%)
-gasoline (+4.0%)
-other household goods and services (+3.2%)
-homeowners' maintenance & repairs (+2.4%)
-food purchased from restaurants (+1.4%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-fresh vegetables (-12.3%)
-fuel oil and other fuel (-3.5%)
-inter-city transportation (-2.5%)
-reading material and other printed matter (excluding textbooks) (-2.0%)
-household appliances (-1.7%)
-travel services (-1.5%)
-recreational equipment & services (excluding vehicles) (-1.0%)

Canada

! From August to September 2001, all-items CPI increased 0.3% in Canada; Canadians paid 2.6% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-gasoline prices (+7.6%)--price increases widespread across all provinces & territories except PEI–from 2.2% in NB to 18.9% in AB; however, prices were 2.4% below their September 2000 level.
-women's clothing (+2.5%)--largely due to higher prices for new fall clothing line
-tuition fees (+3.4%)--second smallest increase since 1989 and only slightly higher than 3.2% registered in September 2000; however, the index is more than double that of 10 years ago.

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-fresh vegetables (-10.5%) and fresh fruit (-4.1%)--continued availability of locally produced crops
-traveller accommodation (-5.4%--end of the peak summer tourism season
-natural gas (-3.6%)--decreases posted in ON and QE primarily reflecting lower delivery costs and reduced demand. Prices in other

provinces remained stable.

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November 21, 2001

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
October 2001 Release

	Nova Scotia			Canada		
CPI by Component	**Oct. 2001 Index**	**% Change from. Sept. 2001**	**% Change from Oct.'00**	**Oct. 2001 Index**	**% Change from Sept. 2001**	**% Change from Oct.'00**
All Items	116.4	-0.7	0.9	116.8	-0.5	1.9
Food	115.7	-0.2	2.2	116.8	-0.1	4.3
Shelter	116.3	-0.4	-0.5	113.6	0.2	2.7
Household Operations & Furnishings	110.4	0.2	1.8	113.0	-0.2	2.1
Clothing & Footwear	114.9	-1.7	0.6	107.2	-0.6	-0.3
Transportation	126.3	-2.2	-2.2	130.3	-2.0	-0.9
Health & Personal Care	112.6	-0.1	1.5	115.0	0.7	2.0
Recreation, Education & Reading	125.1	-0.6	2.0	124.5	-1.2	0.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	104.9	-0.3	11.2	106.8	0.3	8.9
Energy	*122.7*	*-4.3*	*-10.2*	*131.0*	*-4.4*	*-2.7*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's October 2001 all-items CPI index of 115.7 (1992=100) was down 0.6% from last month and increased by 1.1% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index declined 0.7% in October; it increased 0.9% over October 2000.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-household textiles (+4.0%)
-recreational equipment & services, excluding vehicles (+3.5%) and other recreational services (+3.2%)
-property taxes, including special charges (+3.1%)
-child care and domestic services (+2.6%)
-fresh or frozen beef (+1.0%)
-rent (+0.4%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-travel services (-8.8%)
-gasoline (-7.2%)
-footwear (-5.6%)
-fuel oil and other fuel (-4.2%)
-women's clothing (-2.4%)
-home entertainment equipment & services (-2.1%)
-homeowners' maintenance & repairs (-2.0%)

Canada

! From September to October 2001, all-items CPI dropped 0.5% in Canada; Canadians paid 1.9% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month lower prices contributing to the month-over-month decrease included:
-weaker gasoline prices (-8.0%) due to falling North American demand and ample crude oil inventories. The price decreases were evident across all provinces and territories with the exception of Prince Edward Island where prices are government regulated.
-traveller accommodations (-12.0%) marked the beginning of the off-peak tourist season

! The index for homeowners' maintenance and repairs rose 1.8% over last month, mostly due to higher material costs.

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November 21, 2001

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
October 2001 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Oct. 2001 Index	% Change from Sept. 2001	% Change from Oct.'00	Oct. 2001 Index	% Change from Sept. 2001	% Change from Oct.'00
All Items	116.4	-0.7	0.9	116.8	-0.5	1.9
Food	115.7	-0.2	2.2	116.8	-0.1	4.3
Shelter	116.3	-0.4	-0.5	113.6	0.2	2.7
Household Operations & Furnishings	110.4	0.2	1.8	113.0	-0.2	2.1
Clothing & Footwear	114.9	-1.7	0.6	107.2	-0.6	-0.3
Transportation	126.3	-2.2	-2.2	130.3	-2.0	-0.9
Health & Personal Care	112.6	-0.1	1.5	115.0	0.7	2.0
Recreation, Education & Reading	125.1	-0.6	2.0	124.5	-1.2	0.1
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	104.9	-0.3	11.2	106.8	0.3	8.9
Energy	*122.7*	*-4.3*	*-10.2*	*131.0*	*-4.4*	*-2.7*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's October 2001 all-items CPI index of 115.7 (1992=100) was down 0.6% from last month and increased by 1.1% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index declined 0.7% in October; it increased 0.9% over October 2000.

! Notable increases for the previous month were recorded for:
-household textiles (+4.0%)
-recreational equipment & services, excluding vehicles (+3.5%) and other recreational services (+3.2%)
-property taxes, including special charges (+3.1%)
-child care and domestic services (+2.6%)
-fresh or frozen beef (+1.0%)
-rent (+0.4%)

! Since last month offsetting price declines of particular note included:
-travel services (-8.8%)
-gasoline (-7.2%)
-footwear (-5.6%)
-fuel oil and other fuel (-4.2%)
-women's clothing (-2.4%)
-home entertainment equipment & services (-2.1%)
-homeowners' maintenance & repairs (-2.0%)

Canada

! From September to October 2001, all-items CPI dropped 0.5% in Canada; Canadians paid 1.9% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month lower prices contributing to the month-over-month decrease included:
-weaker gasoline prices (-8.0%) due to falling North American demand and ample crude oil inventories. The price decreases were evident across all provinces and territories with the exception of Prince Edward Island where prices are government regulated.
-traveller accommodations (-12.0%) marked the beginning of the off-peak tourist season.

! The index for homeowners' maintenance and repairs rose 1.8% over last month, mostly due to higher material costs.

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December 20, 2001

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
November 2001 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Nov. 2001 Index	% Change from. Oct. 2001	% Change from Nov.'00	Nov. 2001 Index	% Change from Oct. 2001	% Change from Nov.'00
All Items	116.1	-0.3	-0.1	115.8	-0.9	0.7
Food	116.8	1.0	2.6	117.3	0.4	3.9
Shelter	115.7	-0.5	-1.4	112.0	-1.4	0.7
Household Operations & Furnishings	110.3	-0.1	1.8	112.7	-0.3	1.8
Clothing & Footwear	114.3	-0.5	-1.0	105.2	-1.9	-0.2
Transportation	123.7	-2.1	-6.9	126.9	-2.6	-5.3
Health & Personal Care	112.7	0.1	1.4	114.7	-0.3	1.6
Recreation, Education & Reading	123.3	-1.4	1.7	123.2	-1.0	0.7
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	111.8	6.6	19.1	111.7	4.6	13.3
Energy	*116.9*	*-4.7*	*-15.8*	*119.5*	*-8.8*	*-12.5*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's November 2001 all-items CPI index of 115.5(1992=100) fell 0.2% from last month and increased by 0.3% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index declined 0.3% in November; it decreased 0.1% over November 2000.

! Notable declines for the previous month were recorded for:
-kitchen utensils, tableware and flatware (-12.9%)
-travel services (-9.5%)
-gasoline (-8.0%)
-fuel oil and other fuel (-5.1%)
-inter-city transportation (-3.5%)
-women's clothing (-2.2%)
-fresh or frozen beef (-2.1%)

! Since last month offsetting price increases of particular note included:
-cigarettes (+10.1%)
-fresh vegetables (+8.0%)
-non-alcoholic beverages (+4.5%)
-footwear (+3.6%)
-processed meat (+2.7%)
-automotive vehicle parts, maintenance and repairs (+1.1%)
-purchase and leasing of automotive vehicles (+0.2%)

Canada

! From October to November 2001, all-items CPI decreased 0.9% in Canada (the largest monthly decline since June 1959). Canadians paid 0.7% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago (the smallest 12-month advance since February 1999).

! Since last month lower prices contributing to the month-over-month decline included:
-gasoline--partly the result of weak global demand (-10.0%)
-natural gas--credit received by Alberta customers was largely responsible for pushing down the index (-22.4%)
-traveller accommodation--promotions and dropped rates were offered to attract customers during seasonal low point (-9.8%)

! Significant offsetting increased prices were noted for:
-cigarettes--federal tax increase pushed prices up across the country and some provinces implemented their own tax hikes (+8.2%)

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January 22, 2002

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - 1992 = 100
December 2001 Release

CPI by Component	Nova Scotia			Canada		
	Dec. 2001 Index	% Change from. Nov. 2001	% Change from Dec.'00	Dec. 2001 Index	% Change from Nov. 2001	% Change from Dec.'00
All Items	115.7	-0.3	-0.3	115.9	0.1	0.7
Food	117.6	0.7	3.4	118.6	1.1	3.6
Shelter	114.8	-0.8	-3.4	112.6	0.5	0.8
Household Operations & Furnishings	110.1	-0.2	1.9	113.0	0.3	2.3
Clothing & Footwear	111.6	-2.4	-0.6	103.7	-1.4	-1.4
Transportation	123.4	-0.2	-5.7	126.0	-0.7	-4.8
Health & Personal Care	113.3	0.5	1.8	114.5	-0.2	1.5
Recreation, Education & Reading	122.8	-0.4	1.8	122.9	-0.2	0.7
Alcoholic Beverages & Tobacco Products	112.3	0.4	18.5	111.9	0.2	13.0
Energy	*114.1*	*-2.4*	*-18.0*	*119.1*	*-0.3*	*-11.4*

HIGHLIGHTS

Cities

! Halifax Metro's December 2001 all-items CPI index of 115.2 (1992=100) fell 0.3% from last month and increased by 0.3% on a year over year basis.

Nova Scotia

! **The annual average all-items CPI was 1.8% higher in 2001 than in 2000. This gain is comparable to the 3.5% rise in 2000 from 1999.**

! Nova Scotia's overall monthly price index decreased 0.3% in December; it also declined 0.3 % over December 2000.

! Notable declines for the previous month were recorded for:
-children's clothing (-7.7%)
-fuel oil and other fuel (-6.3%)
-travel services (-4.3%)
-footwear (-2.8%)
-men's clothing (-2.4%)
-gasoline (-1.6%)
-women's clothing (-1.5%)

! Since last month offsetting price increases of particular note included:
-kitchen utensils, tableware and flatware (+15.0%)
-fresh vegetables (+8.4%)
-fresh fruit (+6.2%)
-sugar & confectionery (+5.9%)
-inter-city transportation (+3.4%)
-fresh or frozen beef (+3.3%)
-personal care supplies & equipment (+1.7%)

Canada

! **The annual average all-items CPI was 2.6% higher in 2001 than in 2000. This gain is comparable to the 2.7% rise in 2000 from 1999.**

! From November to December 2001, all-items CPI increased 0.1% in Canada; Canadians paid 0.7% more for the goods and services contained in the CPI basket than they did a year ago.

! Since last month higher prices contributing to the month-over-month increase included:
-natural gas (+13.9%)–primarily due to resumption of payments by a large proportion of Alberta customers that received a credit in November
-fresh vegetables ((+15.0%)–cold spells in US affected various crops
-fresh fruits (+6.9%)
-air transportation (+4.0%)–primarily due to higher overseas rates; rates for domestic travel were down

! Lower prices that moderated the rise included:
-gasoline (-4.1%)–prices dropped in provinces except NB where the provincial tax on gasoline was raised
-women's clothing (-2.3%)–many items were available at reduced prices
-traveller accommodation (-3.7%)–downward price trend that has marked the slow tourism season that began in September
-fuel oil (-5.5%)–affected all provinces fairly uniformly mainly due to a drop in the price of oil